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SUBJECT: CLARK SECURITY DOG INCIDENT: MORE PRESS COVERAGE

REF: (A) MANILA 7939 (B) MANILA 8115, (C) MANILA 8241

1. SUMMARY: MANILA PRESS CONTINUES TO PLAY UP CLARK SECURITY GUARD DOG ATTACK INCIDENT. COVERAGE HAS INCLUDED ACCOUNTS OF TESTIMONY GIVEN BY VICTIM TO ANGELES CITY FISCAL, ACCOUNTS OF AFFIDAVIT SUBMITTED TO FISCAL BY CLARK SECURITY GUARD, AND EDITORIAL COMMENT NOTING INCONGRUITY BETWEEN US ESPOUSAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND "INHUMANE" TREATMENT OF FILIPINO NATIONAL ON US MILITARY BASE. SO FAR PRESS COVERAGE HAS BEEN SLIGHTLY MORE RESTRAINED THAN IT MIGHT BE GIVEN NATURE OF INCIDENT. END SUMMARY.

2. EXTENSIVE PRESS COVERAGE OF DOG ATTACK INCIDENT (SEE REFTELS) CONTINUES. THE THREE MAJOR MANILA DAILIES (TIMES JOURNAL, DAILY EXPRESS, AND BULLETIN TODAY) ALL RAN STORIES MAY 29 ON TESTIMONY OF THE INTRUDER, FERNANDO NUGUID, AT FORMAL INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY ANGELES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CITY FISCAL TORRES. TIMES JOURNAL RAN BANNER FRONT PAGE HEADLINE "MAN SAYS GI ORDERED DOG TO ATTACK HIM" TOGETHER WITH PHOTO OF NUGUID DISPLAYING HEAVILY BANDAGED LEGS. TIME JOURNAL STORY INCLUDED SUMMARY OF VICTIM'S VERSION OF INCIDENT AS FOLLOWS: NUGUID WAS GATHERING SCRAP METAL WHEN DOG AND SECURITY GUARD GAINES APPROACHED HIS HIDING PLACE "UNDER A PILE OF EMPTY TIN CANS."

NUGUID STOOD UP AND RAISED HANDS TO SIGNAL SURRENDER. GUARD ASKED HIM TO APPROACH, BUT WHEN HE WAS ABOUT TWO METERS AWAY, DOG LUNGED AT HIM AND BIT SCROTUM. HE SCREAMED IN PAIN AND FELL TO GROUND. WHEN DOG RELEASED HIM, GUARD ORDERED HIM TO STAND UP AND WALK. AS THEY WERE WALKING AWAY, NUGUID HEARD GUARD WHISPER TO DOG. SUDDENLY DOG LUNGED AGAIN AND BIT HIS RIGHT LEG. A FEW MINUTES LATER DOG BIT HIM ONCE MORE IN LEFT LEG. THEN TWO SECURITY GUARDS ARRIVED IN JEEP. AS VICTIM AND GUARD APPROACHED JEEP, NUGUID WAS AGAIN BITTEN BY DOG IN THE BUTTOCKS. DAILY EXPRESS AND BULLETIN TODAY ACCOUNTS ALSO STRESSED ANGLE THAT CLARK HAD "DISALLOWED GAINES' APPEARANCE AT THE FISCAL'S INVESTIGATION."

3. MAY 31 PRESS DEVOTED SOMEWHAT LESS EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO AFFIDAVIT SUBMITTED BY GAINES TO FISCAL ATTESTING THAT HE DID NOT ORDER DOG TO ATTACK AND THAT VICTIM NEVER RAISED HANDS IN SURRENDER. TIMES JOURNAL AND DAILY EXPRESS REPORTED GAINES' VERSION OF INCIDENT WITHOUT COMMENT.

4. LEADING COLUMNIST TEODORO VALENCIA, WHO DEVOTED MOST OF HIS MAY 28 DAILY EXPRESS COLUMN TO INCIDENT (SEE REF C), CONTINUED HIS SCATHING COMMENTARY NEXT TWO DAYS. VALENCIA'S MAY 29 COLUMN NOTED THAT THE DOG PROBABLY WOULD BE THE SCRAPEGOAT IN THE INCIDENT, DESPITE FACT THAT, (QUOTING AN APRIL 22, 1977 ARTICLE IN ACTON LINE) "MILITARY DOGS USED AT CLARK ARE COMMAND TRAINED AND AS SUCH WILL NOT ATTACK WITHOUT SPECIFIC COMMAND." MAY 20 COLUMN, ENTITLED "CAB DOG CASE SHOWS LOP-SIDED US-RP LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TIES," NOTED IN REFERENCE TO HERRERA CASE THAT PHILIPPINES IS ONLY COUNTRY IN WORLD WHICH TAKES HEED OF THE AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN. FACT THAT AMERICAN SERGEANT "WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SUBMIT TO A PHILIPPINE INVESTIGATOR." SAID VALENCIA, IS EVIDENCE THAT "CLARK AUTHORITIES OBVIOUSLY DON'T BELIEVE IN THE CARTER HUMAN RIGHTS SERMONS. THEY'RE STILL LIVING IN THEIR COLONIAL GRANDEUR--PROBABLY THE LAST EMPIRE RULE IN ASIA TODAY." VALENCIA CONTINUED, "NO OTHER CASE HIGHLIGHTS THE INEQUITY OF US-RP RELATIONS TODAY THAN THIS DOG-BITING INCIDENT. HERE'S A CASE WHERE THE SO-CALLED INDEPENDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES CAN BE STOPPED BY A SERGEANT OF THE US AIR

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FORCE FROM EXERCISING ITS SOVEREIGNTY OVER ITS OWN TERRITORY.
THE WHOLE WORLD IS LOOKING ON. WE HOPE IT IS MADE CLEAR
TO ALL COUNTRIES THAT SHIVER EVERY TIME PRESIDENT CARTER
TALKS ON HUMAN RIGHTS THAT IN THE PHILIPPINES, HUMANS DON'T
EVEN HAVE RIGHTS EQUAL TO DOGS OF THE US AIR FORCE."

5. MAY 30 DAILY EXPRESS RAN EDITORIAL SAYING CASE RESURRECTS
ALL THE NAGGING ISSUES OF PHILIPPINE SOVEREIGNTY AND THE
BASES AND TESTS SINCERITY OF US "GLOBAL POSTURING" ON HUMAN
RIGHTS. MAY 29 EXPRESS CARRIED CARTOON SHOWING A HUGE DOG
PINNING PRESIDENT CARTER TO THE GROUND WITH FRONT PAWS. CARTER
IS HOLDING PAPERS LABELLED "HUMAN RIGHTS" AND SAYING,
"W-WHOA, BOY...UH, D-DOWN, BOY,,,UH, S-SIT?...UH" SAME EDITION
ALSO RAN EDITORIAL BY JUSTICE F. MA. CHANCO, WHO NOTED
WITHOUT POLEMICS THAT, "...WHAT CAUGHT OUR ATTENTION IS THE
ALLEGATION OF FERNANDO THAT THE DOG WAS LET-LOOSED ON HIM
EVEN WHEN HE HAD ALREADY SURRENDERED. AS WE KNOW, THE LAW
ALLOWS ONE TO PROTECT HIS PROPERTY BUT HE MUST...USE SUCH
FORCE AS MAY BE REASONABLY NECESSARY TO REPEL OR PREVENT AN
ACTUAL OR THREATENED UNLAWFUL...USURPATION OF HIS PROPERTY."
COMMENT: ALTHOUGH COVERAGE OF INCIDENT HAS BEEN EXTENSIVE,
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GIVEN NATURE OF INCIDENT, WHICH LENDS ITSELF TO EMOTIONAL
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